

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of February 26, 2003 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The renumbering of the claims by the Examiner is acknowledged and is followed in the amendatory action which has been taken.

Claim 55 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner and overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Amendatory action has been taken in the claims in order to overcome the rejections which have been advanced under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103. More particularly, dependent claims 2, 17, 32, 49, 59 and 69 have been cancelled and the contents thereof have been incorporated into respective independent claims 1, 16, 31, 46, 56 and 66. Independent claims 76, 79 and 82 have been amended in a manner consistent with that taken in the amendment of the other independent claims.

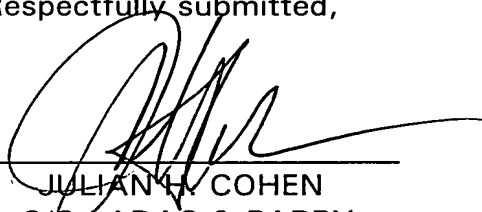
Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to emphasize that the time sequence data is provided during a define time interval and that the supplemental information, action or both is linked with the time sequence data in

a sub-interval of the defined time interval of said time sequence data, said sub-interval having a determined start time and stop time within the time interval of said time sequence data.

In rejecting claims 2, 17, 32, 49, 59 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 on LaJoie, the Examiner contends that television programs as disclosed at column 1, lines 5-12, column 2, lines 37-40 of LaJoie warrants the conclusion that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified LaJoie to include the claimed feature since it was well known that each television program has a start time and a stop time. For this, the Examiner refers to the TV guide. However, this would be comparable to the start and stop time of the time sequence data but it has no relevance to the time interval of the supplemental information or action or both which is linked with the time sequence data and particularly since the supplemental information, action or both takes place over a particular sub-interval of time. It is therefore respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 16, 31, 46, 56 and 66 are in allowable condition. Claims 76, 79 and 82 have been amended to include language comparable to that added to the aforesaid independent claims and thereby are deemed to be allowable as well.

For the above reasons it is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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